



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES Media Advisory

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO



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Council President Peters and Councilmember Hueso will Hand Out Energy-saving Lights to Encourage Conservation

WHAT: Council President Scott Peters and Councilmember Ben Hueso will exchange energy-efficient compact fluorescent lights (CFLs) and light emitting diode (LEDs) holiday lights for watt-wasting incandescent bulbs. The event is part of the City's "Watts Up?" campaign to encourage City employees and the public to reduce energy consumption. Light bulb exchanges are open to all San Diegans who are SDG&E customers.

WHEN: **Thursday, November 20, 2008
11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Council President Peters and Councilmember Hueso will attend the first 30 minutes)**

WHERE: City Administration Building (City Hall) Lobby
202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101

WHY: Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFLs) use 75% less energy than regular incandescent bulbs and last up to 10 times as long. Replacing five incandescent light bulbs with CFLs will save your home about \$65 per year in energy costs.

Light Emitting Diode (LED) holiday lights use up to 90% less energy, burn brighter and longer, produce less heat and last up to 100 times longer than incandescent bulbs.

City employees and the public who are customers of SDG&E can bring up to five incandescent bulbs to exchange for five new CFL bulbs and bring up to three strands of incandescent holiday lights to exchange for three strands of multicolored LEDs.

The "Watts Up?" Campaign is managed by the City of San Diego Environmental Services Department and sponsored by San Diego Gas & Electric and the California Public Utilities Commission.

Upcoming exchanges include Dec. 5 and 6 during "December Nights" at Balboa Park. Look for the SDG&E booth in front of the Prado Restaurant. For other exchanges, visit www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/energy/conservation/residential/bulbexchange.shtml.

WHO:

- Council President Scott Peters
- Councilmember Ben Hueso
- City of San Diego employees and community members exchanging incandescent lights for compact fluorescent and light emitting diode lights

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